

### **REMARKS**

Claims 17-25 are pending. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **Application Status**

The BPAI decision dated January 14, 2009 inferred the allowability of claims 3, 8, 10, 12-13, and 17-20. As a result the Office Action dated April 20, 2009 requested that dependent claims 3, 8, 10, and 12 be placed in independent form.

### **The Amendment**

Claims 3, 8, 10, and 12 have each been placed in independent form, as requested.

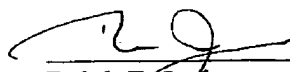
Placing some of the claims in an independent format requires the combining of features and relationships from several claims, which amendment can be complex and difficult to follow. As a result the claims have been written as new claims for ease of amendment drafting and understanding. The claims 3, 8, 10, and 12 now respectively correspond to new claims 21, 22, 24, and 25. Dependent claim 13/8 has been written as new claim 23/22. In the drafting process some claims have also had claim readability improved, e.g., correction of typographical errors and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-16 have been canceled.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should he have suggestions regarding different arrangement of claim language.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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